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Letter dated 11 November 2011 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions from my Government, I wish to draw your attention to the remarks by Shimon Peres, an official of the Israeli regime, reported by international media on 6 November 2011, wherein he unwarrantedly and under erroneous and false presumptions on Iran's peaceful nuclear activities threatened the use of force against the Islamic Republic of Iran by signalling the likelihood of an Israeli attack on Iranian nuclear-weapon sites and saying that such an attack is "more and more likely", and that "the intelligence services of the different countries that are keeping an eye on [Iran] are worried and putting pressure on their leaders to warn that Iran is ready to obtain the nuclear weapon". In this regard, I would like to state the following.

The Islamic Republic of Iran expresses its deep concern about and strong condemnation of such a provocative, unwarranted and irresponsible statement against Iran. Such a statement is in flagrant violation of the most fundamental provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the basic principles of international law, and is against the global efforts to strengthen regional and international peace and security.

Iran is a leading nation in rejecting and opposing all kinds of weapons of mass destruction, including nuclear weapons. As a State party to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, the Islamic Republic of Iran has on many occasions, including in relevant international forums, officially declared that nuclear weapons, as the most lethal and inhumane weapons, have no place in the defence doctrine of the country. Furthermore, since 1974, Iran has spared no efforts in the realization of the nuclear-weapon-free zone in the Middle East within the United Nations framework and the Review Conferences of the parties to the Treaty.

I also wish to reiterate my Government's position that the Islamic Republic of Iran has no intention of attacking any other nation. Nonetheless, in accordance with its inherent right under Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations, Iran would not hesitate to act in self-defence to respond to any attack against the Iranian nation and to take appropriate defensive measures to protect itself.

It is ironic, however, that such inflammatory remarks and baseless allegations against Iran's peaceful nuclear programme are uttered by an Israeli official whose regime has an unparalleled record of non-compliance with Security Council resolutions and is a regime whose crimes and atrocities amount to crimes against

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humanity and whose clandestine development and unlawful possession of nuclear weapons is the unique threat to regional as well as international peace and security.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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